

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: MELANIE HOPE LEONHART JONES, R.N.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 2.2-4024(F), and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”), Melanie Hope Leonhart Jones, R.N., who holds License No. 0001-178815 which expires on August 31, 2009, is hereby given notice that a formal administrative hearing will be held in the presence of a panel of the Board of Nursing. The hearing will be held on September 18, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., at the offices of the Department of Health Professions, Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Richmond, Virginia 23233, at which time Ms. Leonhart Jones will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

At the hearing, Ms. Leonhart Jones has the following rights, among others: the right to representation by counsel; the right to have witnesses subpoenaed and to present witnesses on her behalf; the right to present documentary evidence; and the right to cross-examine adverse witnesses. If Ms. Leonhart Jones desires any witnesses to appear on her behalf, she must notify the Director of Administrative Proceedings, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233, in accordance with the Instructions for Requesting Subpoenas.

The purpose of the hearing is to inquire into evidence that Ms. Leonhart Jones may have violated certain laws and regulations governing professional nursing practice in Virginia, as more fully set forth in the Statement of Particulars below.

STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS

The Board alleges that:

1. Melanie Hope Leonhart Jones, R.N., may have violated § 54.1-3007(2), (3) and (5) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(a) and (c) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing (“Regulations”) in that during the course of her employment with Bon Secours Memorial Regional Medical Center, Mechanicsville, Virginia, Ms. Leonhart Jones diverted Dilaudid (hydromorphone, Schedule II), which she used to inject another individual for her complaints of back pain. Ms. Leonhart Jones later taught this individual how to self-inject said controlled substance.

2. Ms. Leonhart Jones may have violated § 54.1-3007(2), (3), (5) and (6) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(a) and (c) of the Regulations in that during the course of her employment with Gambro Healthcare and during the course of her employment with Bon Secours Memorial Regional Medical Center, Ms. Leonhart Jones used authorizations from facility personnel to order various medications, including Nubain (nalbuphine, Schedule VI) for her personal and unauthorized use. Ms. Leonhart Jones gave a portion of the Nubain to another individual, which Ms. Leonhart Jones either administered to her, or observed her self-administer.

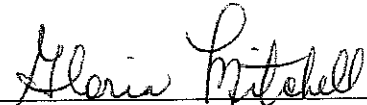
3. Ms. Leonhart Jones may have violated § 54.1-3007(2), (3), (5) and (6) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) of the Regulations in that during the course of her employment with Gambro Healthcare, Ms. Leonhart Jones diverted Phenergan (promethazine, Schedule VI) for her personal and unauthorized use.

4. Ms. Leonhart Jones may have violated § 54.1-3007(2) and (6) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(a) of the Regulations in that she obtained Nubain, absent any affiliation with an organization or employer, from an internet supplier for her personal and unauthorized use. Ms. Leonhart Jones gave a

portion of the Nubain to another individual, which Ms. Leonhart Jones either administered to her, or observed her self-administer.

5. Ms. Leonhart Jones may be in violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that on or about March 31, 2007, she entered into a Participation Contract with the Virginia Health Practitioners' Intervention Program ("Virginia HPIP"), pursuant to Chapter 25.1 of Title 54.1 of the Code and 18 VAC 76-10-10, et seq., of the Regulations Governing the Virginia HPIP, in which she acknowledged abusing Nubain. On or about June 18, 2007, Ms. Leonhart Jones entered into a Recovery Monitoring Contract with the Virginia HPIP, wherein she acknowledged impairment due to the abuse of addicting drugs and from physical illness.

FOR THE BOARD


for Jay P. Douglas R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C.
Executive Director for the
Board of Nursing

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